

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-15 and 18-33 are cancelled, and claims 16-17 and 34 are amended. Thus, claims 16-17 and 34 are active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly indicating, on page 16 of the Office Action, that claim 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 34 has been amended to include the limitations originally recited in cancelled claim 19. Accordingly, in view of the Examiner's assertion that claim 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 34 is clearly in condition for allowance.

Claim 16 recites a data processing method for executing a process on copyrighted data within an obtained right. Claim 17 recites a recording medium having a program recorded thereon, where the program is for executing, on a computer, a data processing method of processing copyrighted data within an obtained right. The data processing methods recited in claims 16 and 17 perform operations similar to the operations performed by the elements of the data processing apparatus of cancelled claim 19.

Claims 16 and 17 have each been amended to include the limitations of claim 34. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 16 and 17 are also clearly in condition for allowance for the same reasons as claim 34.

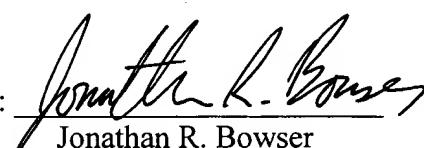
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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